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[NAME] Urban Area Announces DHS Grant Available to Eligible Nonprofit Organizations

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the availability of the FY 2007 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP).

The FY07 NSGP provides funding to directly support the target hardening activities for those nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack. While this funding is provided specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations, it is also designed to enhance the integration of nonprofit preparedness activities with the broader state and local preparedness efforts.

Grants will be awarded to eligible nonprofit organizations by DHS based on the following criteria:

- Prior identified and substantiated threats or attacks toward the nonprofit organization or closely-related organizations, either within or outside the U.S., by an international terrorist organization;
- Symbolic value of the organization's site as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders it a possible terrorist target;
- Organization's role in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks; and
- Organization's credible threat or vulnerability, as well as the potential consequences of an attack, as determined by a previously conducted risk assessment.

Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code) that are at high risk of *international* terrorist attack. The grant program does not focus on *domestic* terrorism.

Eligible nonprofit organization must have facilities that are located in one of the nation's 46 designated FY07 Urban Areas, to include Ohio's **[Cincinnati-Hamilton County, Cleveland-Cuyahoga County, Columbus-Franklin County]** Urban Area.

Each nonprofit organization may apply for up to a \$100,000 grant award. The organization must agree to match 25 percent of federal grant funds in cash or through equivalent, related training. The federal grant funds are to be used for target-hardening activities and terrorism awareness training.

Allowable equipment is limited to physical security enhancements such as alarm systems, bulletproof doors or windows. It could also include inspection and screening systems such as walk-through magnetometers and conveyor-belt x-ray systems used to screen personnel, and packages for hazardous materials or devices. The equipment categories are listed on the web-based authorized equipment list on the Responder Knowledge Base, which is sponsored by DHS and the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism at www.rkb.mipt.org.

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Additionally, nonprofit organization security personnel may use grant program funds to attend security-related training courses and programs. Allowable training-related costs under this grant are limited to attendance fees for the training and related expenses such as materials, supplies or equipment. Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of critical infrastructure, including physical and cyber security, target-hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness.

Eligible organizations will submit an 'Investment Justification' form that outlines address the threat-oriented eligibility criteria, as well as specific information on what activities will be implemented. An Investment Justification template is available via the *[insert name]* Urban Area, by contacting *[insert name, address, phone, fax, email]*. Investment Justifications must be received by the Urban Area not later than June[--], 2007, to be considered for funding.

The Urban Area and its local Citizen Corps Council, will evaluate and score each Investment Justification, and then forward to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the State Administering Agency, for final submission to DHS not later than June 22, 2007. A panel of evaluators from across DHS will evaluate applications making its final funding determination 60 days later. Grants will be awarded based on a competitive bidding process.

For more information on the FY07 NSGP and other DHS grant programs, visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants_programs.htm.

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